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Culture Clash on the Prairies Worksheet

*Directions*: With a partner, read through pages 116 – 124 and record supporting details about the culture of the Plains Indians.

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| Culture of the Plains Indian | | |
| 1. Buffalo and Horse | 1. Family Life | 1. Beliefs |
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*Directions*: Answer the following questions.

1. Why do you think the assimilation policy of the Dawes Act failed? Support your opinion with information from the text and details about how Native Americans reacted.

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1. What environmental, cultural, and economic factors influenced Native American reservations in the West? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. What were the causes and effects of the clash on the Bozeman Trail?

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1. What were the different roles that men, women, and children served in Native American life on the Great Plains? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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*Directions*: Chose the best possible answers for the following questions.

1. How did the U.S. governments change its policy toward Native American land during the 1850s? \_\_\_\_
2. It started forbidding settlers from claiming any land on the Great Plains.
3. It began to allow Native Americans to hunt on their traditional lands.
4. It created new treaties that defined specific boundaries for each tribe.
5. It began to designate all land in the Great Plains as reservation land.
6. Why did many settlers come to the Black Hills? \_\_\_\_
7. Gold was discovered in the region.
8. The land was fertile and well suited to farming.
9. There were few Native Americans in the area and little chance of conflict.
10. The government gave 80 acres of land to anyone who moved to the region.
11. Why did Native Americans perform the Ghost Dance ritual? \_\_\_\_
12. To scare the U.S. military leaders
13. To convince the policy to free Sitting Bull
14. To prepare for the fighting at Wounded Knee
15. To restore Native American lands and way of life.